

# HILLCREST SOLAR PROJECT

Reserved Case #20-0614-EL-BGN

March 18, 2020

Ohio Power Siting Board  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

RE: **Preapplication Notification Letter - Hillcrest Solar I, LLC  
Construction Notice for the Accelerated Certificate of Environmental Compatibility  
and Public Need for the Gen-Tie and Point of Interconnection in Case #17-1152-EL-  
BGN and #18-1267-EL-BGA.**

Dear Mr. Butler;

Hillcrest Solar I, LLC (“Hillcrest Solar”) is certified to construct a solar-powered electric generation facility in Brown County, Ohio in accordance with the orders issued by the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”) in the above-referenced cases.

Hillcrest Solar proposes the Gen-Tie and Point of Interconnection Project (the Project), which is located northeast of the intersection of Driver-Collins Road and Greenbush East Road in Brown County, Ohio (39.07734, -83.90838). The Project will interconnect the approved 200 MW solar photovoltaic Hillcrest Solar Project with the existing Duke Energy substation and consists of a permanent access road, buried and overhead transmission line, dead-end structure including a gravel pad, and boundary fencing. Hillcrest Solar anticipates the construction of this Project to commence in the second quarter of 2020, subsequent to the issue of the Accelerated Certificate. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is the end of 2020.

We formally request a case reference number for this Project and wish to expedite the Accelerated Certificate Application pursuant to Rule 4906-6-03(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The expedition fee will be delivered with the Construction Notice at the time of filing, which will be no sooner than 5 days after the submission of this Preapplication Letter.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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c.c. Grant Zeto, OPSB

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Summary: Letter of Notification Preapplication Letter for Hillcrest Solar Construction Notice of Electric Transmission Line electronically filed by Ms. Julia M Mancinelli on behalf of Hillcrest Solar I, LLC